

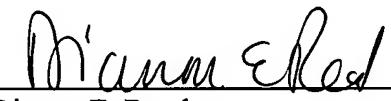
REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, the first Action on the merits herein, claims 1-189, i.e., all claims as filed, have been examined. In the Action, claims 1-189 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of copending Application Serial No. 10/717,288. Specifically, claims 1-45 stand rejected over claims 86-129 of the '288 application, and claims 46-95 stand rejected over claims 130-178 of the application.

Without wishing to acquiesce in the aforementioned grounds of rejection, applicants are, for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution, submitting a Terminal Disclaimer herewith over copending Application Serial No. 10/717,288.

As all outstanding matters have been addressed, the application is now in condition for allowance. A prompt notification to that effect would be very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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